

How much longer are the American people going to put up with that situation? This is just a matter of gross discrimination. American citizens are subsidizing the costs of prescription medications for citizens all over this world. When are we going to put a stop to it? When are we going to say that our people are being treated unfairly?

Then, when are we going to say that in this country, America's seniors are not going to continue to be gouged and charged more than insurance companies or HMOs for the same medication? It seems like a no-brainer to me. I cannot understand why there is so much determination on the other side of the aisle to keep us from taking action against this situation.

Mr. PALLONE. I want to thank my colleagues. The answer, obviously, is because of what the brand-name pharmaceutical companies are doing to pay for the ads and pay for the campaigns. It is the special interest money.

REPORT ON H.R. 5120, TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

Mr. ISTOOK (during the Special Order of Mr. PALLONE), from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-575) on the bill (H.R. 5120) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHUSTER). Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

REPORT ON H.R. 5121, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

Mr. ISTOOK (during the Special Order of Mr. PALLONE), from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-576) on the bill (H.R. 5121) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

RECOMMENDING VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF CORPORATE WRONGDOERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHUSTER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have heard the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.

STRICKLAND), and I have heard the previous speaker make a little comment about political donations. I hope the gentlemen have the opportunity to read the article this morning about the Democratic Party, the Democratic National Committee, and their \$100,000 sponsorship. They were hosted by Bristol-Myers this weekend. That is the prescription drug company. I think that is what these guys are talking about.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND) I have a good deal of respect for. He is very capable, a bright gentleman. But I would like the gentleman to show me anybody on this House floor, anybody on this House floor who opposes seniors.

He makes a statement out here on the House floor about, well, we should be the party, I guess he is referring to the Democrats, we should be the party that comes back here because the Republicans are against seniors. I challenge the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND) to show me one Republican or one Democrat or one Independent or Socialist, whatever our one party is registered as, show me one person on this House floor, just one, I say to the gentleman, that is opposed to seniors.

I do not know anybody opposed to seniors. That is as absurd as the statement we hear in here, well, they are against education. Show me one Congressman, show me one elected official in this Nation, whether it is a State representative, whether it is a school board member, whether it is a city council member, whether it is a Congressman, whether it is an appointed position in our political system, a cabinet member, that is opposed to education.

These statements are absurd on their face. They should not be made in a debate, where we really want results, or we want solutions. The prudent man is not going to come up here and accuse the other side of being against seniors: they do not support seniors, they do not like seniors, they want prescription care costs to continue to skyrocket. There is nobody in this country that wants that. I do not know anybody opposed to seniors.

If Members really want to get progress, if they really want to have bipartisan efforts towards a solution, do not stand up here and blatantly make statements that the other side is opposed to education, or the other side is opposed to seniors. We do not get anywhere doing that.

So I would suggest, constructively and in a positive fashion, to my colleagues to entertain a few more positive statements. Maybe they do not agree with the process, or maybe they have a disagreement with one of the proposals dealing with a matter that impacts seniors. Then address the proposal, instead of doing the politically expedient thing, and that is to take a jab at the other party by saying, well, they oppose seniors, in whole.

Obviously, Mr. Speaker, that is not the purpose of me being here today, although I do mention it; and it was with interest that Bristol-Myers, who announced last week, one of these corporations that is looking at restating their earnings, or they took some income in by prepay of customers when they picked up their drugs at the pharmacy, I do want to note that as the Democrats, as they were attacking us this evening, take a look at who hosted their event this weekend, this last weekend.

So both parties need to be very careful about that kind of thing, because there is some corporate sickness out there.

Let me give an example. Go to any shopping mall we can find in the country and look for the most beat-up car, the most beat-up automobile we can find on the shopping mall lot and tell people around there that you are going to steal the car so somebody will call the police and say you are stealing the car. Then drive that car off the parking lot. Try and steal the car.

Do Members know what is going to happen in our society? No matter what the value of the car, and let us just say it is the biggest piece of junk we would ever see in our life, and the car is worth \$200, that is all anybody would give us, \$200, probably to drive it straight to a junkyard, you drive it off, get it on the street, and immediately the police, the law enforcement in our Nation, the police will stop the vehicle. They will surround you.

I used to be a police officer, and I know what it is like to make a stolen car arrest. We do not go up and issue a ticket. We get out of the car, hold a weapon on them, a deadly weapon, and we aim it at them, right where we could kill them if they tried to make any kind of move towards us. We demand and order them out of their car.

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You have them lay on the pavement. You immediately go up. You take that car thief. You put them in handcuffs. You take them back to your police unit and you take them to jail. That is exactly what you do for somebody that steals a junk car. And yet today what we are witnessing in this country is corporate thievery the likes that we have never seen.

Last week we had a guy named Scott Sullivan, 40 years old or so, who was the chief financial officer for a corporation called WorldCom. And he was up here testifying in front of the United States Congress. Actually he refused to testify. But he was up here in front of the committee with a big smirk on his face. He took away tens and tens and tens of millions of dollars away from that corporation. By the way, he has never been in handcuffs. He has never been surrounded by police officers with their weapons drawn. And while he was smirking in front of that committee, as he was full of himself, construction continued on his 20 or \$25